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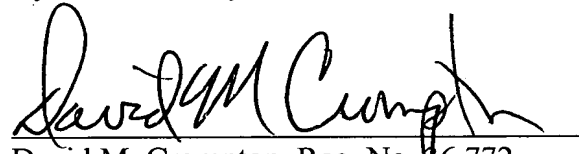
The status of the claims and the amendments are based on the Amended Claims as translated from the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. Applicants request that this Preliminary Amendment be made of record and fully considered prior to the first office action on the merits. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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